

EDITOR'S REPORT FOR VOLUME 52

I am pleased to report that during 2005 the number of manuscripts submitted to *Madroño* was comparable to previous years, and that the California Botanical Society has published another volume of *Madroño* reporting research on the flora and vegetation of western North America.

During the first ten months of 2005, 28 manuscripts were submitted. Of these manuscripts, two were rejected, seven had major revisions requested, eleven were accepted with minor revisions, and eight manuscripts are still being reviewed. Of those accepted with minor revisions, seven were published in this volume. The interval from submission to publication has been approximately nine months long. During 2005, eight book reviews and 18 noteworthy collections (revising the geographic range of 66 species) also were submitted, and 24 of these have already been published.

During this past year, I have been repeatedly struck by how *Madroño* both supports and is a product of the botanical community of western North America. Volume 52 reported the research of 84 different authors. These au-

thors were aided by numerous reviewers, an editorial board, Jon Keeley (Book Review Editor), Dieter Wilken (Noteworthy Collections Editor), Margariet Wetherwax (Noteworthy Collections Editor), Steve Timbrook (Compiler for Annual Index), Annielaurie Seifert and her colleagues at Allen Press, the Executive Council of the California Botanical Society (who, in addition to their regular support of this journal's production and distribution, are working to make *Madroño* available on-line and to produce a special conservation issue), and John Callaway, who produced 52(1) and helped throughout the year. All of these individuals deserve to be recognized and thanked for their contributions to *Madroño*. I also want to thank everyone not only for their contributions to Volume 52, but for being so patient and gracious during this past year as I grew into the role of editor. Thanks.

I look forward to helping the botanical community of western North America produce *Madroño* in the coming year.

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